

# Surf Pines Breeze

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## Recovery Nears Completion of Phase 1

by Don Kruger with photos by Roger Masse

Surf Pines is recovering from the wind storm of December 2-3, 2007, which devastated our area. The look of our community has been changed for the foreseeable future. If you have not been here to see the change, then be forewarned that the difference is dramatic. Where there were pine forests, there is barren ground.

Although we are saddened by the loss of so many trees, members of the Surf Pines Association are moving forward with the recovery. The recovery of the association's properties and the right of way includes three phases: (1) removing the trees that were either destroyed by the storm or damaged so severely that they cannot be saved, (2) pruning the trees that were damaged but can be saved, and (3) replanting trees.

Phase 1, removing the trees that were either destroyed by the storm or damaged so severely that they cannot be saved, began on January 7, 2008. Managed by members of the board of directors and performed by our contractor, Trail's End Recovery, the work in this phase is nearing completion, which is scheduled for mid April.

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## Recovery Nears Completion of Phase 1 (Continued)

Phase 2, pruning the trees that were damaged but can be saved, will entail contracting with an arborist or a qualified tree service company. The work in this phase will save damaged trees from further deterioration.

Phase 3, replanting trees, if monies for the recovery are still available, will entail reforesting some of the association's common areas. The first priority for replanting trees will be the right of way along Surf Pines Lane so that that this entrance to Surf Pines is attractive and inviting again. As funds are available, more trees will be purchased and planted along the association's other right of ways.

The board applauds the recovery work that many members of the association have completed on their private property in Surf Pines.

If you have not cleaned up your property yet, then remember that, to protect our community from wildfire this summer, the association asked for cleanup to be completed by May 1, 2008. (Cleanup includes removing any debris placed on the right of way after our contractor completed work there.) Neglecting a hazardous condition on your property can result in an assessment of \$10 per day, as provided by the bylaws.

Editors' note: Don Kruger serves as the president of the Surf Pines Association; Roger Masse serves as the co-editor of the *Breeze*.



## A Letter in the *Breeze*



### "In Honor of the Romeos"

Editors' note: The corporate secretary received the following letter and check with the ballots for the Storm Cleanup Assessment. The Romeos are an informal men's group in Surf Pines.

Enclosed is a check for \$500. Please use \$250 for the assessment. The remaining \$250 we are donating to the Surf Pines Association in honor of the Romeos for their incredible effort and generosity during the wind storm of December 2-3, 2007, and its aftermath. Without the help of the Romeos, we really do not know what we would have done during and after the storm.

Bonnie Lockwood & Carita Polk , 89932 Manion Drive



## Quick News

### Plan to Attend the Annual Meeting

The next Annual Meeting of the Surf Pines Association, as announced by Don Kruger, President, is scheduled for Saturday, August 2, 2008, at 9:00 a.m. at the Astoria Golf and Country Club. Plan to attend.

### Attend Monthly Board Meetings

The monthly meetings of the Board of Directors—open to all members of the association—are held on the third Monday of each month at 4:30 p.m. in Surf Pines at the meeting house. “Comments from the Membership” is always toward the top of the agenda.

On the weekend before a meeting, the agenda is available at the Surf Pines Office and on the Surf Pines Web site. Soon after a meeting, the minutes are available on the Web at [www.surfpines.org](http://www.surfpines.org).

Attend to business by either attending the meetings or reading the minutes.

### Serve on the Budget Committee

Dave Lukens, Treasurer, is seeking from five to seven members for the Budget Committee. Typically, the Budget Committee, chaired by the treasurer, meets once or twice during either April or May to prepare the association’s budget for the fiscal year for consideration by the Board of Directors and, ultimately, for approval by the membership at the Annual Meeting.

If you are interested in preparing the association’s budget for the 2008-2009 fiscal year, then contact either Dave Lukens or Dan Bartlett, Administrator, by April 15 to indicate that you are willing to be appointed to the Budget Committee. (For telephone numbers, addresses, and e-mail addresses for Dave and Dan, see page 8.)

### Serve as a Director

The term of one member of the Board of Directors, Don Kruger, expires this year. As president, Don will appoint a Nominating Committee to nominate members to fill the open position on the board. If

you have the time and the experience to contribute to the association by serving on the Board of Directors, then contact either Patrick Kelley, Secretary, or Dan Bartlett, Administrator, by April 30 to indicate an interest in being nominated. (For telephone numbers, addresses, and e-mail addresses for Patrick and Dan, see page 8.)

One member of the Board of Directors will be elected at the Annual Meeting on August 2 for a three-year term. Directors are responsible for the management, maintenance, and control of the assets of the association. The five directors serve as officers of the association: president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and a director at large. They also chair most of the committees and assume responsibility for the newsletter and the owners’ guide. Significantly, they are assisted in their work by an administrator.

### Consider a Proration of Tax after the Wind Storm

Taxes on property that experienced a casualty loss due to an act of God, such as the wind storm of December 2-3, 2007, might be eligible for a reduction. The reduction is referred to as a “proration of tax.” It is computed by the county tax collector. An application for any reduction is due by June 30, 2008.

Soon after the storm, you probably received in the mail an information circular and an application for proration of your property taxes. If you discarded or misplaced the circular and the application then, you can obtain them now from the Clatsop County home page: [www.co.clatsop.or.us](http://www.co.clatsop.or.us). At the home page, click the Quick Link for Taxes. Then, at the Assessment and Taxation Department’s page, click Storm Damage Property Tax Relief. And, finally, click the links for an explanation of the proration process and a printable version of the application. (The explanation and application are also available from the Clatsop County Assessment and Taxation Department, 820 Exchange Street, Suite 210, Astoria, OR 97103; 503-325-8522.)

Dan Bartlett, Administrator, has applied for a proration of tax on the association’s properties.



## Rainbow Nursery Offers Trees at Reduced Price

by Don Kruger

Dorothy Flynn of Rainbow Nursery is offering members of the association trees at a reduced price: wholesale price, plus the cost of delivery and time for administering your order.

Dorothy will take your order; send it to Hofferts Nursery, a wholesale nursery in Clackamas County; and arrange for delivery. She asks for payment in full when you place an order.

The grower's wholesale list will be available to you. You may select any trees on the list. But select carefully because not all of the trees on the list will thrive in Surf Pines. And even if a tree is appropriate for Surf Pines, whether it will thrive depends on where it is planted, how it is planted, and how it is cared for. Because the trees are balled and burlapped, they will have to be planted soon after they are delivered. **There is NO guarantee that the trees will survive.**

Dorothy will provide all of the assistance and advice that you request, but please be prepared to pay her for her time. She is available at 738-3241 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Rainbow Nursery is at 89338 Dellmoor Loop on the east side of Highway 101 just north of Surf Pines Lane.

As you plant trees, consider their size at maturity. If you plant trees near the right of way, please plant them at least 15 feet from the edge of the pavement. This distance will provide good sight lines for years for both drivers and pedestrians. Thank you for your cooperation in this regard—and thank you for replanting Surf Pines.

Editors' note: Don Kruger serves as the president of the association.

Balled and burlapped pines are ready to plant at the Hanna/Shipley home on Manion Drive.



## Consider Selecting Native Trees



by Patrick Kelley with photos by Roger Masse

Selecting trees to replant your property in Surf Pines can be difficult.

One source of difficulty is that Surf Pines is essentially sand dunes. Not all trees will survive, let alone thrive, in our sand.

Another source of difficulty is that Surf Pines is subject to Pacific storms in winter with winds blowing fast and frequently across the dunes. Not all trees will survive in our winds.



## Consider Selecting Native Trees (Continued)

To ease the difficulty, consider selecting trees that are native to Surf Pines, including Sitka spruce, shore pine, and western hemlock. These natives survive—and even thrive—in Surf Pines.

### Sitka Spruce

Sitka spruce (*Picea sitchensis*) are native from Alaska to California. Preferring cool, moist, but well-drained sites, they thrive in Surf Pines, even in our sand. And they withstand our wind. Even in the wind storm of December 2-3, 2007, remarkably few were felled. Consider their size and shape at maturity: tall, pyramidal trees 80+ feet high and 20-40 feet wide with graceful horizontal branches.

### Shore Pine

Shore pines (*Pinus contorta* var. *contorta*) are native along the coast from Alaska to Northern California. The iconic trees of Surf Pines, they thrive in our sand. And although many did not survive the wind storm of December 2-3, 2007, they survived 70 years of wind before that monster storm felled them. Consider their size and shape at maturity: fast-growing, sculpturally shaped trees 20-35 feet high and 20+ feet wide. Prune them well to keep them compact and thereby out of the wind.

### Western Hemlock

Western hemlocks (*Tsuga heterophylla*) are native along the coast from Alaska to Northern California and inland. Preferring cool sites and shade, they survive in our sand. And they withstand our wind. Consider their size and shape at maturity: tall, pyramidal trees 70+ feet high and 20-30 feet wide with gracefully draping branches.

Seedlings of these three native trees sprout throughout Surf Pines like welcome weeds. The seedlings can be transplanted with a high rate of success, especially when they are transplanted in autumn at the beginning of the rainy season.

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Two mature Sitka spruce frame the entry to the Granziero home on Lakeside Court.



Well-pruned shore pines grace the Stewart home in a classic Surf Pines landscape on Manion Drive.



Young western hemlocks provide privacy on Pine Ridge Court



## Security Corner

by John Gates

Thank you for contacting me with your concerns about security. And thank you, too, for your contributions to security. Your watching your neighbors' house when they are away and reporting strange autos and people help keep our community safe.

If you suspect that someone other than the members of your immediate family might know your personal gate code—perhaps a contractor, a visitor, or a former renter—then stop by the office or call me at 738-0637 to change your gate code.

If you have not updated your "Emergency Contact Information" form recently, then stop by the office or call me at 738-0637 to update it. We learned after the wind storm how important it is for your emergency contact information to be current.

Finally, with spring here, more walkers, joggers, runners, bicyclists, dogs, and wildlife are on our roads. Please remember that the speed limit is 25 miles per hour. It's for everyone's safety.

Editors' note: John Gates serves as the security/maintenance manager for the association.

## Surf Pines Social Calendar



Beginning with "A Sweet Renewal" last winter and continuing with a "Pinot Party" this spring, the Surf Pines social calendar is full again this year. As always, the Community Relations Committee offers a full schedule of seasonal social events that are designed to gather together all members of the association to promote positive community relations:

**A Sweet Renewal**, Proyect/Wall home, 89061 Stellar Lane, February 16, 2008, 6-9 p.m.

**Pinot Party**, Stockstill home, 89187 Manion Drive, May 3, 2008, 6-9 p.m.

**Surf Pines Garage Sale**, members' garages, July 5, 2008, 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

**Picnic in the Park**, Surf Pines Park, July 6, 2008, 1-5 p.m.

**Ice Cream Social**, Groshong home, 89012 Ocean Drive, August 16, 2008, 2-5 p.m.

**Oktoberfest**, Pacific Grange Hall, Highway 101, October 11, 2008, 6-9 p.m.

**Holiday Soiree**, Williams home, 89880 Ocean Drive, December 6, 2008, 6-9 p.m.

## "A Sweet Renewal" Is a Sweet Success



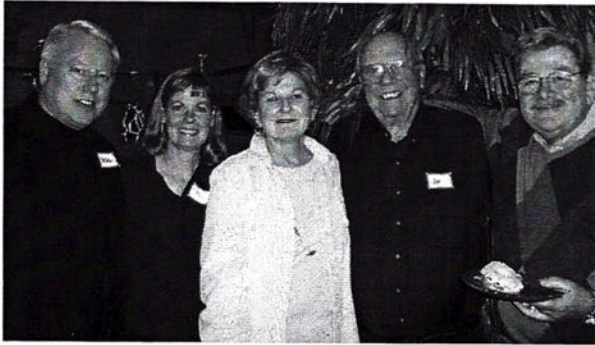
Approximately 85 members and guests enjoyed a post Valentine's Day party, "A Sweet Renewal," at the home of Mitchell Proyect and Deborah Wall, 89061 Stellar Lane, on the evening of February 16. The hosts hosted graciously in their playhouse, where guests wine and dine and visited in not only the party room but also the home theater, the arts and crafts room, the shop, the gym—and even the indoor basketball court. The evening itself, not just the delicious desserts, was a sweet success.

Mitchell and Deborah welcomed guests to the "Sweet Renewal" party.





## "A Sweet Renewal" Is a Sweet Success (Continued)



Surf Pines residents enjoyed "A Sweet Renewal" after a hard winter.



## Plan on a Pinot Party: 89187 Manion Dr., May 3, 6-9 p.m.

by Norma Keever



You are invited to a Pinot Party. Pinot is often said to be the wine that Oregon does best. We encourage you to bring your favorite pinot—pinto noir, pinot blanc, pinot gris or grigio—for others to taste.

Steve and Lori Stockstill, new neighbors, will host the party in their home, "the yellow house" at 89187 Manion Drive, on May 3 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

The Community Relations Committee, sponsor of the party, asks that you bring one or two bottles of your favorite pinot (or a non-alcoholic alternative) and your favorite appetizer to share.

Enjoy tasting new pinots and meeting new neighbors and old friends at the pinot party.

Editors' note: Norma Keever chairs the Community Relations Committee.



## For the Record: Drivers Assessed for Speeding

Assessments were levied recently against these drivers for exceeding the posted speed limit on the roads of Surf Pines: Jake Buryn and Charlene Palmer.

Assessments are based on this schedule of fees currently in use by Oregon courts:

MPH in Excess of Posted Speed	Assessment
1-10	\$97
11-20	\$145
21-30	\$242
Over 30	\$427



According to the association's policy, notice of this action is published in the *Breeze*.

In related cases, a member who lives near a school bus stop in Surf Pines reports observing drivers fail to stop when the bus stops. When the stop arm on a school bus is extended and the red lights are flashing, drivers approaching the bus from any direction must stop—and remain stopped until the red lights are turned off and the stop arm is withdrawn. If you see a driver endanger children by failing to stop when the bus stops, then get a license plate number and report it to the security/maintenance manager, who reports it, in turn, to the Security Committee.

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